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C O N F I D E N T I A L GEORGETOWN 0943

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, EFIS, GY
SUBJECT: GUYANA/SOVIET NEGOTIATIONS FOR FISHING AGREEMENT

1. DURING MY DISCUSSION WITH FONMIN WILLS MAY 2, HE COMMENTED THAT A TWO-MAN SOVIET NEGOTIATING TEAM HAD ARRIVED IN GUAYANA OVER THE WEEKEND TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS FOR A FISHING AGREEMENT TO PERMIT THE SOVIET FLEET TO FISH IN GUYANESE WATERS. WILLS SAID THE SOVIETS SEEM ALMOST DESPERATE TO MAKE THE AGREEMENT. HIS VIEW WAS THAT GUYANA SHOULD NOT AGREE UNLESS THE SOVIETS AGREED TO MAKE A LUMP SUM PAYMENT IN FOREIGN EXHANGE WHICH COULD BE USED TO ALLEVIATE GUYANA'S FINANCIAL CRISIS. ANOTHER PART OF THE PACKAGE SHOULD BE THAT THE SOVIETS PROVIDE BOATS WITH WHICH GUYANA COULD PATROL ITS 200 MILE LIMIT SEA.

2. ACCORDING TO A RELIABLE SOURCE WHO MET WITH BURNHAM
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ON MAY 5, THE PRIME MINISTER HAD SAID THAT HE HAD TAKEN PERSONAL CHARGE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION FOR A FISHING AGREEMENT. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE SOVIETS WANT TO CONCLUDE THE AGREEMENT WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK. UNDER THE AGREEMENT, THE SOVIETS WOULD BRING OVER 500 TRAWLERS INTO GUYANESE WATERS. BURNHAM HAD SAID THE SOVIETS WOULD HAVE TO PAY A HIGH PRICE TO OBTAIN AN

AGREEMENT.

3. COMMENT: IF THE SOVIET UNION IS PLANNING TO HAVE 500 TRAWLERS IN THE AREA, THEN THE RUMORS ABOUT THE SOVIETS WANTING TO ESTABLISH A "NAVAL" FACILITY AT HOG ISLAND MAY NOT HAVE BEEN TOTALLY IN ERROR. THE SOVIETS CONTINUE TO PURSUE THEIR INTERESTS HERE WITH PERSISTENCE AND VIGOR.

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